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- 1. PRIOR TO P&C COUNSELOR'S DEPARTURE FOR CONSULATIONS, HE AND CAO HELD TALKS ON IV PROGRAM WITH MFA CULTURAL DIVISION (VOLSKIY, AZAROV). THESE FOLLOWED UP BY MARKS' VISIT (SEPTEL) AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH CULT. DIV. STAFF.
- 2. MFA CULT. DIV. WAS TOLD THAT EMBASSY WILL KEEP THEM INFORMED AT EACH STEP AND THAT EMBASSY WILL BE ISSUING LETTERS OF INVITATION. WE PROPOSE TO GIVE COPY OF LETTER TO CULT. DIV. AT TIME OF ISSUANCE AND ALSO TO GIVE GULT. DIV. DESCRIPTIONS OF SMALL DELEGATIONS WE ARE ASKING SOVIETS TO NOMINATE (REPUBLIC MINISTERS OF CULTURE, BICENTENNIAL TRANSLATORS PROJECT).
- 3. AS FOR OUR PROPOSAL TO INVITE A SMALL DELEGATION TO PARTY FIRST SECRETARIES OF MEDIUM SIZED CITIES, WE SEE NO PROBLEM IN DESIGNATING PARTY RATHER THAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERS. IN INVITATION, WE WOULD NOT MENTION CITIES BY NAME BUT WOULD SUGGEST CITIES IN 200,000 TO 750,000 RANGE, EXPAINING THAT PARTY FIRST SECRETARIES WOULD MEET WITH PARTY LEADERS IN CITIES OF EQUIVALENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIZE IN US. WE WOULD HOPE TO ARRANGE VISIT DURING WINTER OR

EARLY SPRING WHEN US PARTIES ARE GETTING READY FOR PRIMARIES AND 1976 CAMPAIGN.

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